

This complaint is in regards to BellSouth's request to deregulate broadband service.

If this happens, everyone who obtains broadband service through a small ISP who often provides more services than a large phone company, would eventually be forced to switch to the phone company for continuation of the service and/or pay a substantially higher rate.

Deregulation of these types of services always means higher prices and less availability to the end user. It's completely unfair to shut out the smaller ISPs who essentially built the internet into what it is today and let the big phone company monopolies take over.

Please, do NOT grant BellSouth's request to deregulate broadband services. It would set a catastrophic precedence eventually squashing virtually all competition for internet access.